

Winchester District Local Plan Part 2

**OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

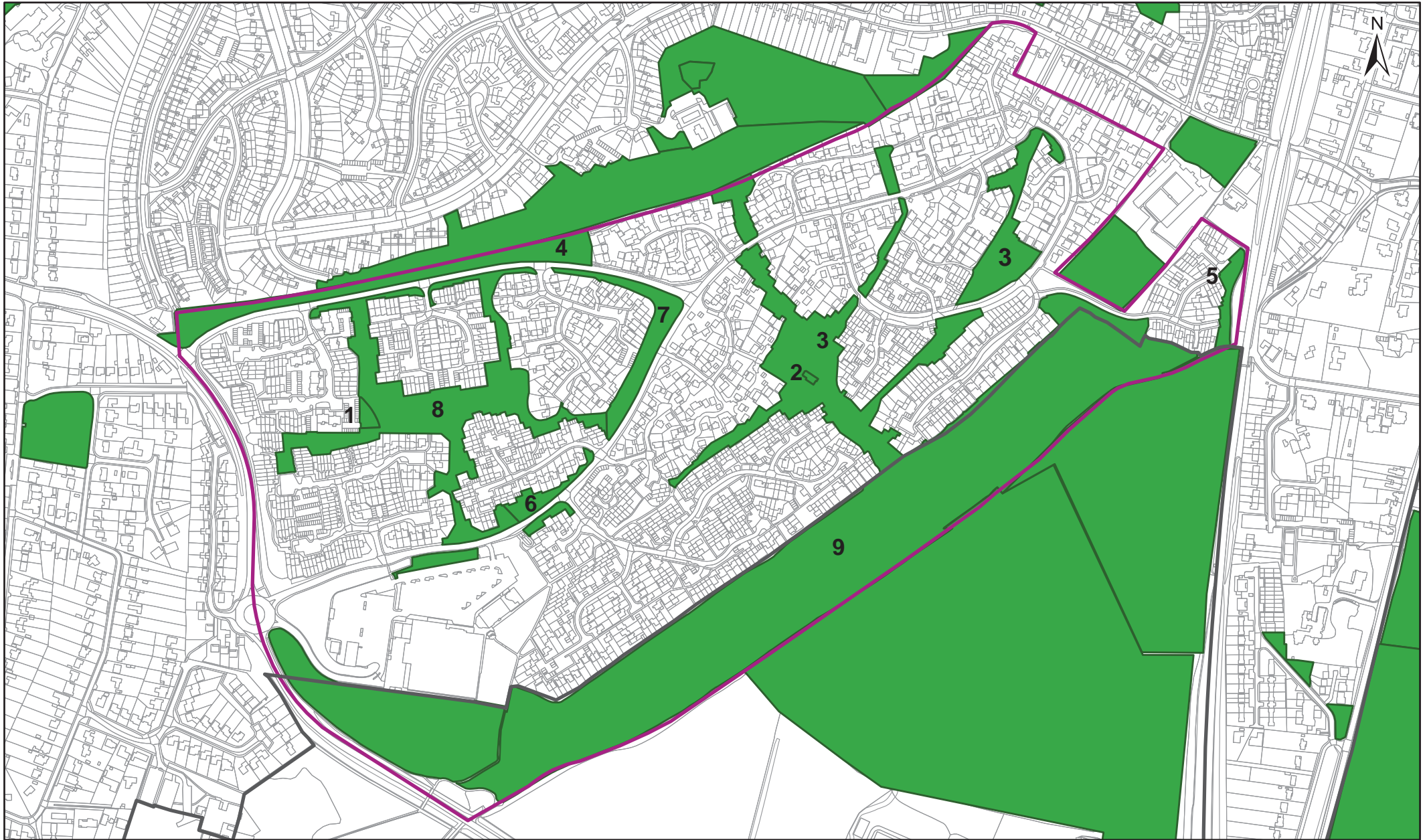
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Part 3

Winchester Town

Including Badger Farm, Harestock and  
Oliver's Battery

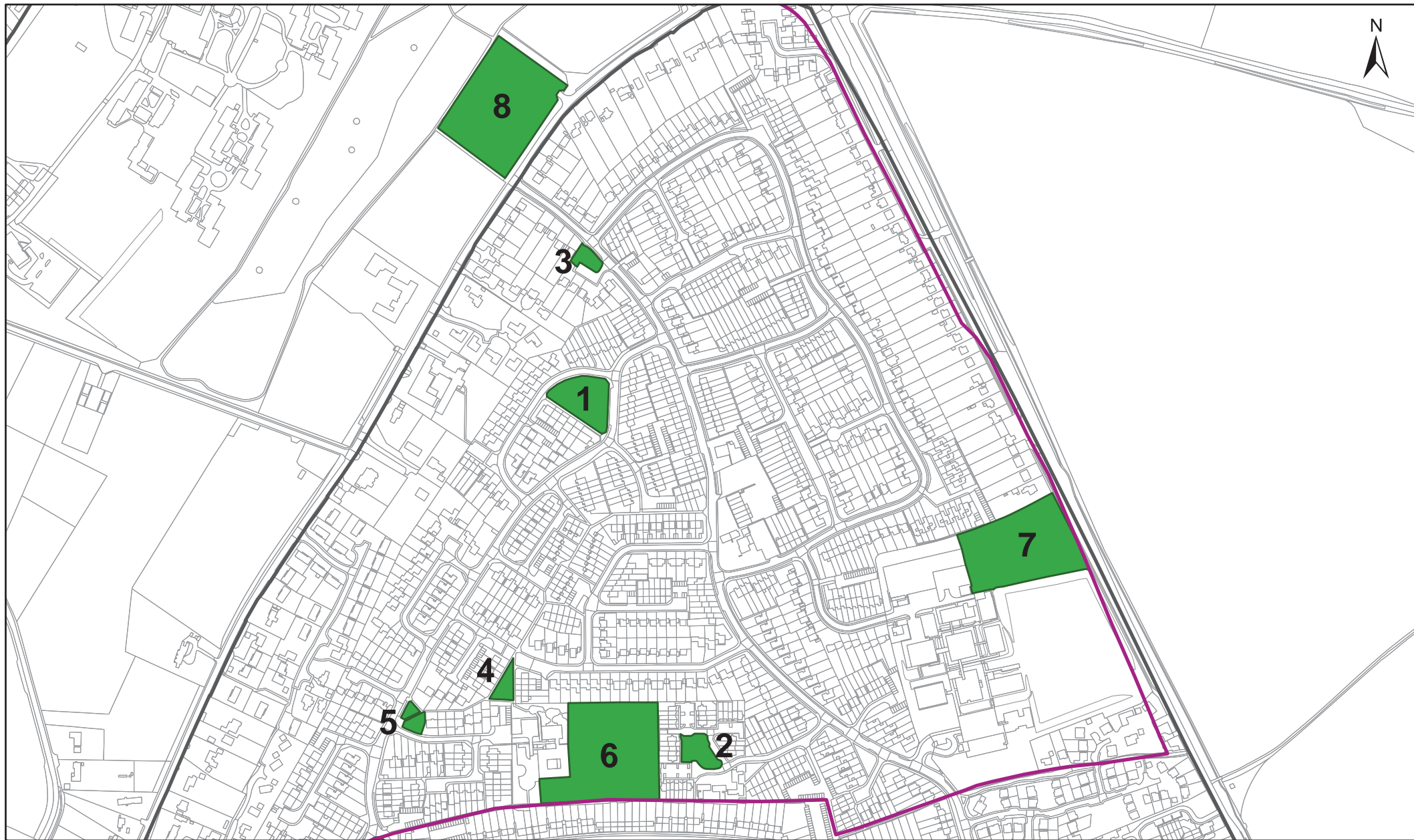
# Badger Farm



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Winchester - Badger Farm: population 2636									
Ref. No.	Site	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	Public Access	Reason for Protection				
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage	
1	Broad Chalke Down play area	550	Play	/	/	/			
2	Lowden Close play area	1,963	Play	/	/	/			
3	Greenways and open spaces	29,563	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
4	Slopes between Stanmore & Badger farm	9,692	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
5	Ivy Close	1,630	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
6	Meadow Way	3,551	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
7	Ridgeway / Meadow Way	5,096	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
8	Broad Chalke Down	23,191	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
9	Whiteshute Ridge	110,135	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/		
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>									
CP7 category	CP7 Requirement	Existing provision	Adequacy						
Allotments	0.53	0	-0.53						
Equipped Children's Play	1.32	0.25	-1.07						
Informal Green Space	2.11	7.27	5.16						
Natural Green Space	2.64	11.01	8.37						
Parks & Recreation Grounds	1.98	0	-1.98						
Sports Grounds	1.98	0	-1.98						
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.56</b>	<b>18.53</b>	<b>7.97</b>						
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>									
There are shortfalls of equipped children's play areas and formal parks and recreation grounds but this is compensated for, to some extent, by extensive Informal Green Space within the community and the presence of Whiteshute Ridge 'on the doorstep'. However, both play areas are in need of re-furbishment and additional equipment to bring them up to NEAP standard. A further opportunity lies in the future development of the Bushfield Camp site which will secure and lay out for public use the undeveloped part of the site for recreational use.									

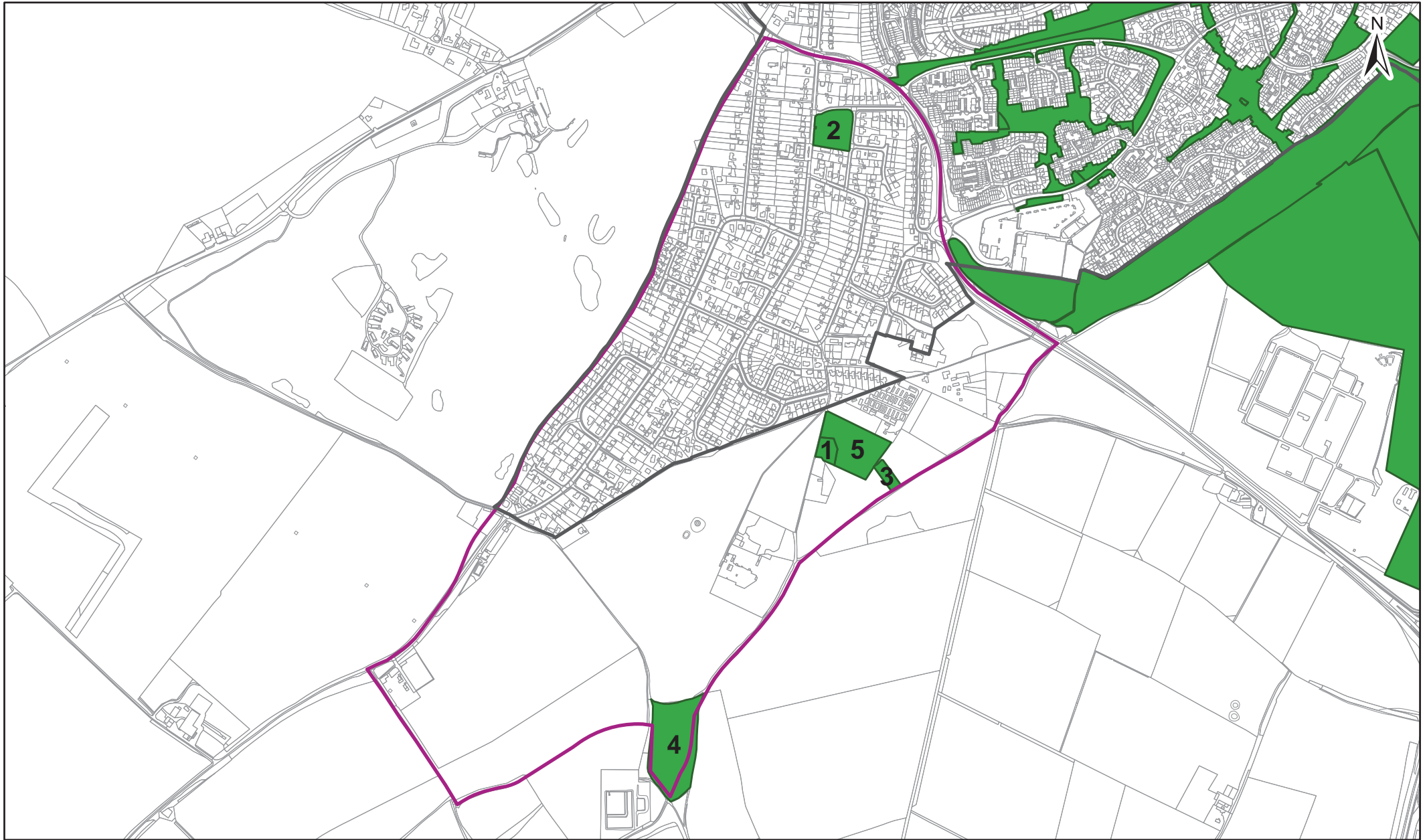
# Harestock



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<b>Winchester - Harestock: population 3077</b>									
Ref. No.	Site	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection				
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage	
1	Bradley Road	2,684	Play	/	/	/			
2	Upton Grey Close	1,038	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
3	Minstead Close	502	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
4	Abbotts Ann	603	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
5	Bramshaw Close	574	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
6	Harestock Primary School	11,123	Sports Ground	no	no	/			
7	Henry Beaufort School	9,199	Sports Ground	/	/	/			
8	Harestock Road	11,071	Sports Ground	/	/	/			
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>									
CP7 category	CP7 Requirement	Existing provision	Adequacy						
Allotments	0.62	0	-0.62						
Equipped Children's Play	1.54	0.27	-1.27						
Informal Green Space	2.46	0.27	-2.19						
Natural Green Space	3.08	0	-3.08						
Parks & Recreation Grounds	2.31	0	-2.31						
Sports Grounds	2.31	3.14	0.83						
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>-8.64</b>						
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>									
Harestock, taken in isolation as a suburb of Winchester town, lacks sufficient public open space when assessed in accordance with the standard in LPP1 Policy CP7. There are shortfalls in all categories except sports grounds. However, there are opportunities to expand the provision of open space available to the area as the green infrastructure included as part of the major development area at Barton Farm becomes available. Some 23 hectares of open space will become publically accessible to this north west part of the town.									

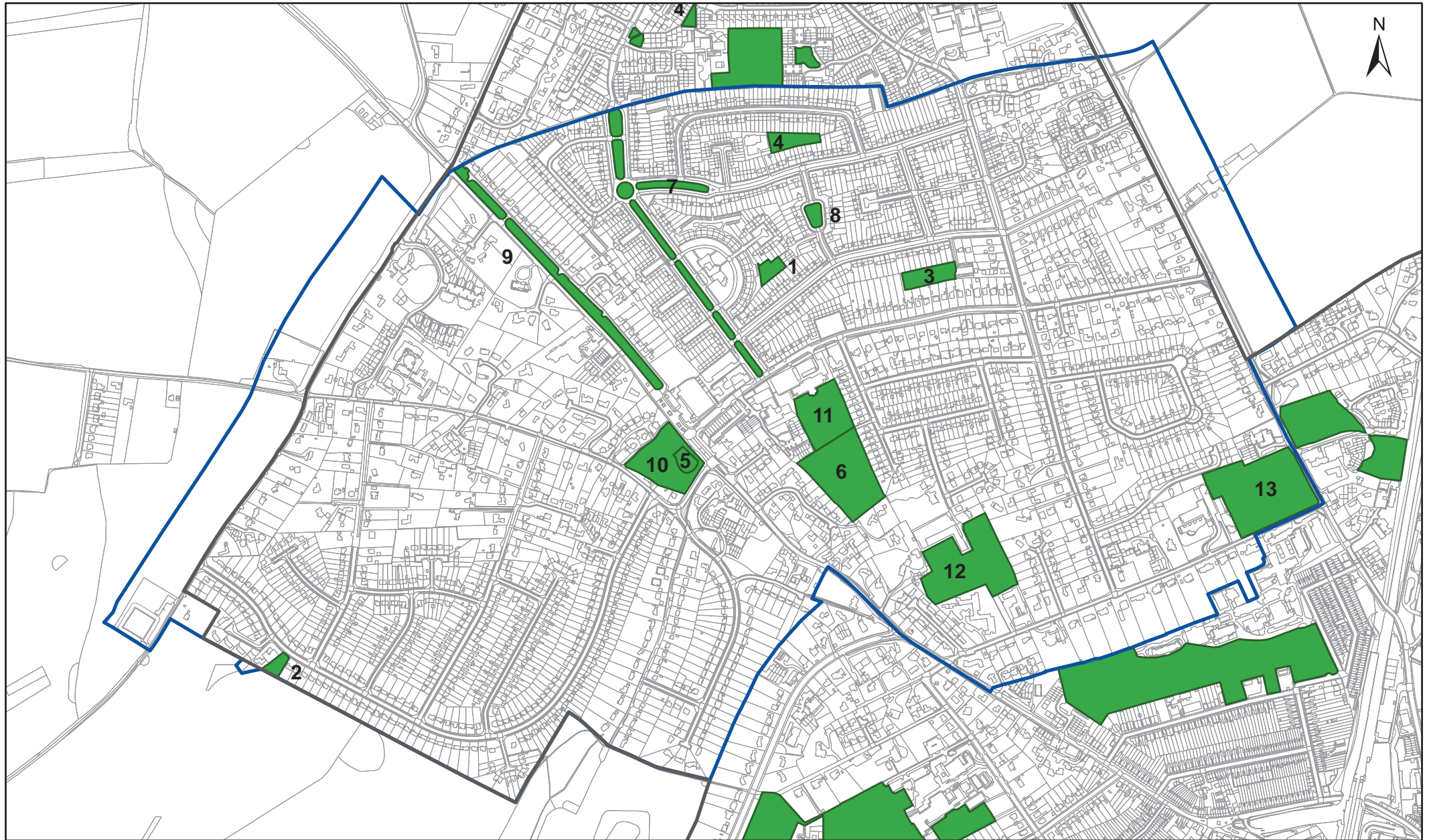
# Oliver's Battery



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Winchester - Oliver's Battery: population 1489										
Ref. No.	site	area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection					
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage		
1	Recreation Ground play area	2,169	Play	/	/	/				
2	The Battery	6,547	Informal Green Space	/	/	/		/		
3	Land adj to Recreation Ground	1,645	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/			
4	Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve	19,597	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/			
5	Compton Way Recreation Ground	13,632	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/				
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>										
CP7 category	CP7 Requirement	Existing provision	Adequacy							
Allotments	0.3	0	-0.3							
Equipped Children's Play	0.75	0.22	-0.53							
Informal Green Space	1.19	0.66	-0.53							
Natural Green Space	1.49	2.12	0.63							
Parks & Recreation Grounds	1.12	1.36	0.24							
Sports Grounds	1.12	0	-1.12							
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>-1.61</b>							
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>										
A suburb of Winchester with good access to open countryside but with shortfalls of public open space. Additional land and facilities are required.										

# St Barnabas



Ward Boundary



Winchester District Boundary

Open Space Strategy Sites

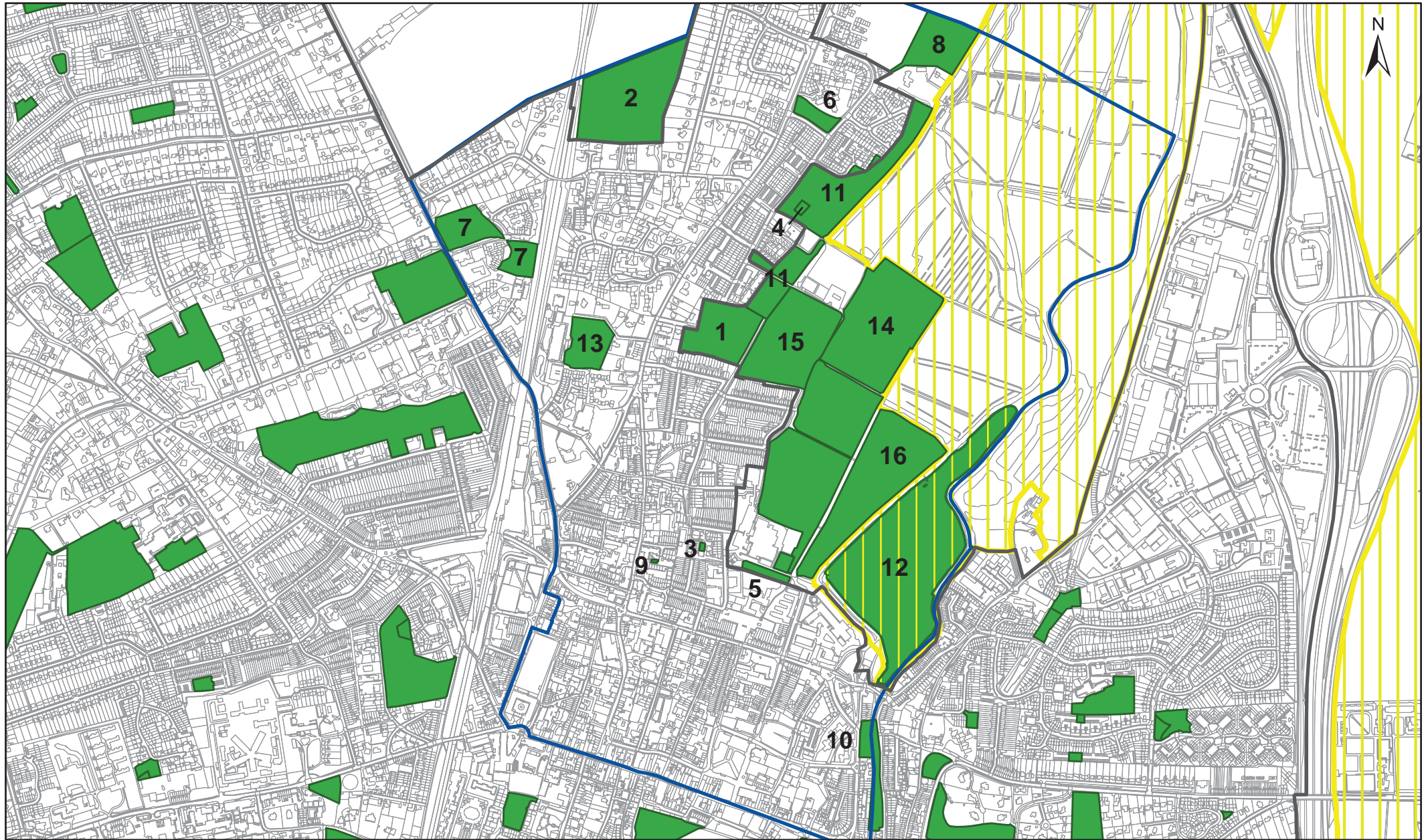



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<b>Winchester - St Barnabus Ward: population 6270</b>										
Ref. No.	site	area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection					
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage		
1	Trussell Close Allotments	1402	Allotments	/	/	/				
2	Teg Down Meads Play Area	1087	Play	/	/	/				
3	Westman Road play area	2633	Play	/	/	/				
4	Taplings Road play area	2573	Play	/		/				
5	Dean Park play area	1485	Play	/	/	/				
6	St Matthews Field	13929	Informal Green Space	/	/	/				
7	Fromond Road central reservation	7912	Informal Green Space	/	/	/				
8	Greatfield Road open space	1071	Informal Green Space	/	/	/				
9	Godwin / Burnet Close	8133	Informal Green Space	/	/					
10	Dean Park	9332	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/				
11	Weeke Primary School playing field	7389	Sports ground	no		/				
12	Winchester Tennis Club	15031	Sports ground	no		/				
13	Peter Symonds College playing fields	17653	Sports ground	no	/	/				
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>										
<b>CP7 category</b>		<b>CP7 Requirement</b>	<b>Existing provision</b>	<b>Adequacy</b>						
Allotments		1.25	0.14	-1.11						
Equipped Children's Play		3.13	0.78	-2.35						
Informal Green Space		5.02	3.11	-1.91						
Natural Green Space		6.27	0	-6.27						
Parks & Recreation Grounds		4.7	0.93	-3.77						
Sports Grounds		4.7	4	-0.7						
<b>Total</b>		<b>25.07</b>	<b>8.96</b>	<b>-16.11</b>						
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>										
Taken in isolation as a suburb within the built-up area of Winchester, St Barnabus Ward is deficient in open space provision when assessed against the standard in Local Plan Part 1. There are very few opportunities to add to the overall quantum of open space and the strategy is to instead concentrate on improving what there is, in terms of quality and accessibility. However, the major development area at Barton Farm will add to the open space available to this part of the Town - providing 23 hectares of open space.										


# St Bartholomew




 Ward Boundary

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 Open Space sites in the South Downs National Park

 South Downs National Park

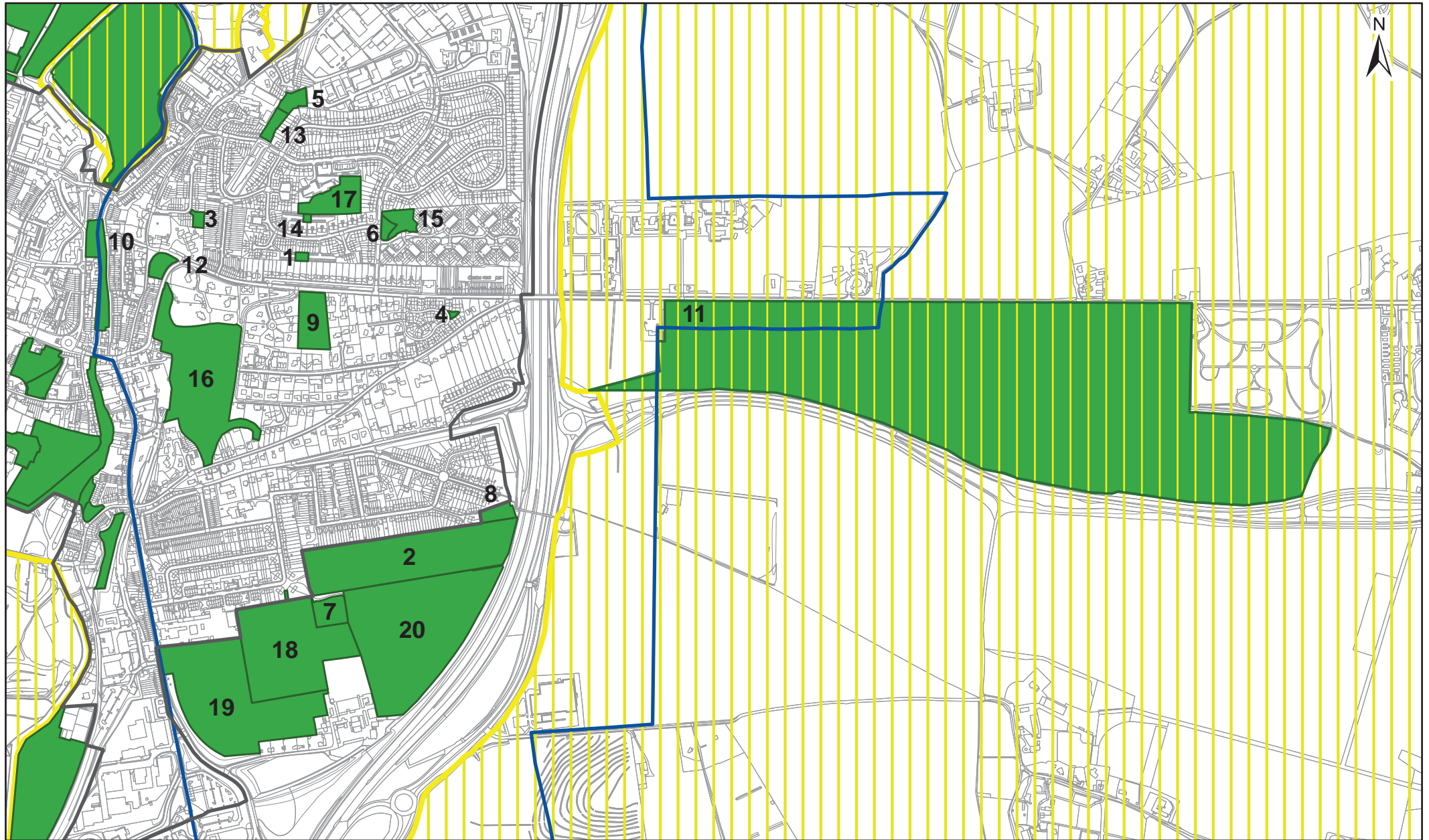
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


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
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Winchester - St Bartholomew's Ward: population 6534											
Ref. No.	site	area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection						
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage			
1	Edington Road allotments	17,414	allotments	/	/	/					
2	Park Road Allotments	39,113	allotments	/	/	/					
3	Arlington Place open space	212	play	/	/	/					
4	Chaudler Road play area	600	play	/	/	/					
5	North Walls Play Area / Skatepark	3170	play	/	/	/					
6	Dyson Drive open space	3,559	informal green space	/	/	/					
7	Winton Close open space	10,061	informal green space	/	/	/					
8	Francis Gardens (Redrow dev)	16,722	informal green space	/	/	/					
9	Silchester Place open space	91	informal green space	/	/	/					
10	Water Lane open space	1,421	informal green space	/	/	/					
11	Abbotts Barton open space	27,376	informal green space	/	/	/					
12	Winnall Moors Nature Reserve (SDNF)	84,704	natural green space	/	/	/	/				
13	Osbourne School playing field	6,244	sports ground	no	/	/					
14	Rugby Football Ground	35,144	sports ground	/	/	/					
15	North Walls Recreation Ground	101,724	park / recreation ground	/	/	/					
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>											
<b>CP7 category</b>		<b>CP7 Requirement</b>	<b>Existing provision</b>	<b>Adequacy</b>							
Allotments		1.31	5.65	4.34							
Equipped Children's Play		3.27	0.4	-2.87							
Informal Green Space		5.23	5.92	0.69							
Natural Green Space		6.53	8.47	1.94							
Parks & Recreation Grounds		4.9	10.17	5.27							
Sports Grounds		4.9	4.14	-0.76							
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.14</b>	<b>34.75</b>	<b>8.61</b>							
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>											
Taken in isolation as a city Ward, St Bartholomew has no shortage of accessible open space, largely due to its geographic position beside the valley of the River Itchen. The wealth of high quality open spaces are an asset to the town as a whole and the strategy is to protect them from development as far as possible, both because of their value as recreational facilities serving the urban area and its wider catchment area, and their significant contribution to the character and distinctiveness of the town.											

# St John's



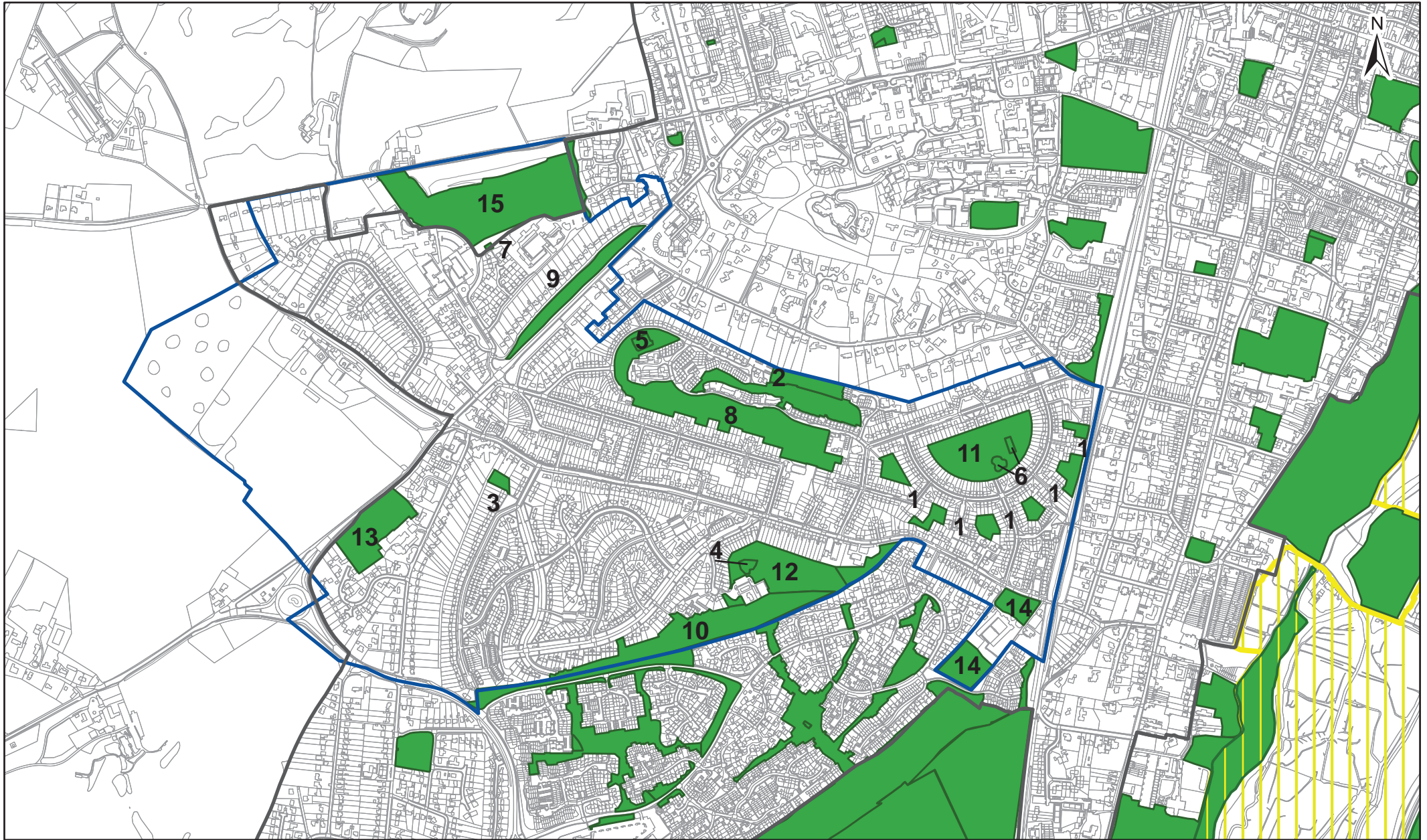
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
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Winchester - St John's Ward: population 5950									
Ref. No.	site	area (m²)	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection				
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage	
1	Firmstone Road allotment	567	Allotments	/	/	/			
2	Highcliffe allotments	48,284	Allotments	/	/	/			
3	St Martins Close play area	952	Play	/	/	/			
4	Fairdown Close play area	234	Play	/	/	/			
5	Imber Road play area	952	Play	/	/	/			
6	Winnall Manor Road play area	1,154	Play	/	/	/			
7	KGV Skatepark	4,511	Play	/	/	/			
8	Gordon Avenue play ground	2,529	Play	/	/	/			
9	St Giles Hill Cemetery	7,924	Informal Green Space	/	/	/	/		
10	Water Lane open space	2,714	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
11	Magdalen Hill Down	443,422	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/		
12	Joyce Garden	2,384	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
13	Imber Road Recreation Ground	2,066	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
14	Firmstone Road Community Garden	316	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
15	Winnall Manor Road Recreation Ground	3,180	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
16	St Giles Hill Park	43,824	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/	/		
17	Winnall Primary School playing fields	3,514	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
18	The University sports ground	43,962	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
19	The Garrison Ground	55,392	Sports Ground	/	/	/			
20	The KGV sports ground	69,946	Sports Ground	/	/	/			
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>									
CP7 category	CP7 Requirement	Existing provision	Adequacy						
Allotments	1.19	4.89	3.7						
Equipped Children's Play	2.98	1.03	-1.95						
Informal Green Space	4.76	1.06	-3.7						
Natural Green Space	5.95	44.34	38.39						
Parks & Recreation Grounds	4.46	5.18	0.72						
Sports Grounds	4.46	17.28	12.82						
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>73.78</b>	<b>49.98</b>						
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>									
St John's Ward, examined in isolation from the rest of the town, has an overall surplus of open space, largely due to its geographic position bordering the countryside to the east of the town. The Ward contains the extensive playing fields at Bar End and St Giles Hill Park and enjoys good access to open countryside including the extensive tract of Natural Green Space at Magdalen Hill Down within the National Park, the South Downs Way and Easton Lane. There are however still some shortfalls in Equipped Children's Play Space and Informal Green Space but the opportunities to overcome these deficits are limited. The strategy is to seek to protect what there is from development pressure and make improvements to the quality and accessibility of facilities.									


# St Luke's




 Ward Boundary

 Open Space Strategy Sites

 Open Space sites in the South Downs National Park

 South Downs National Park

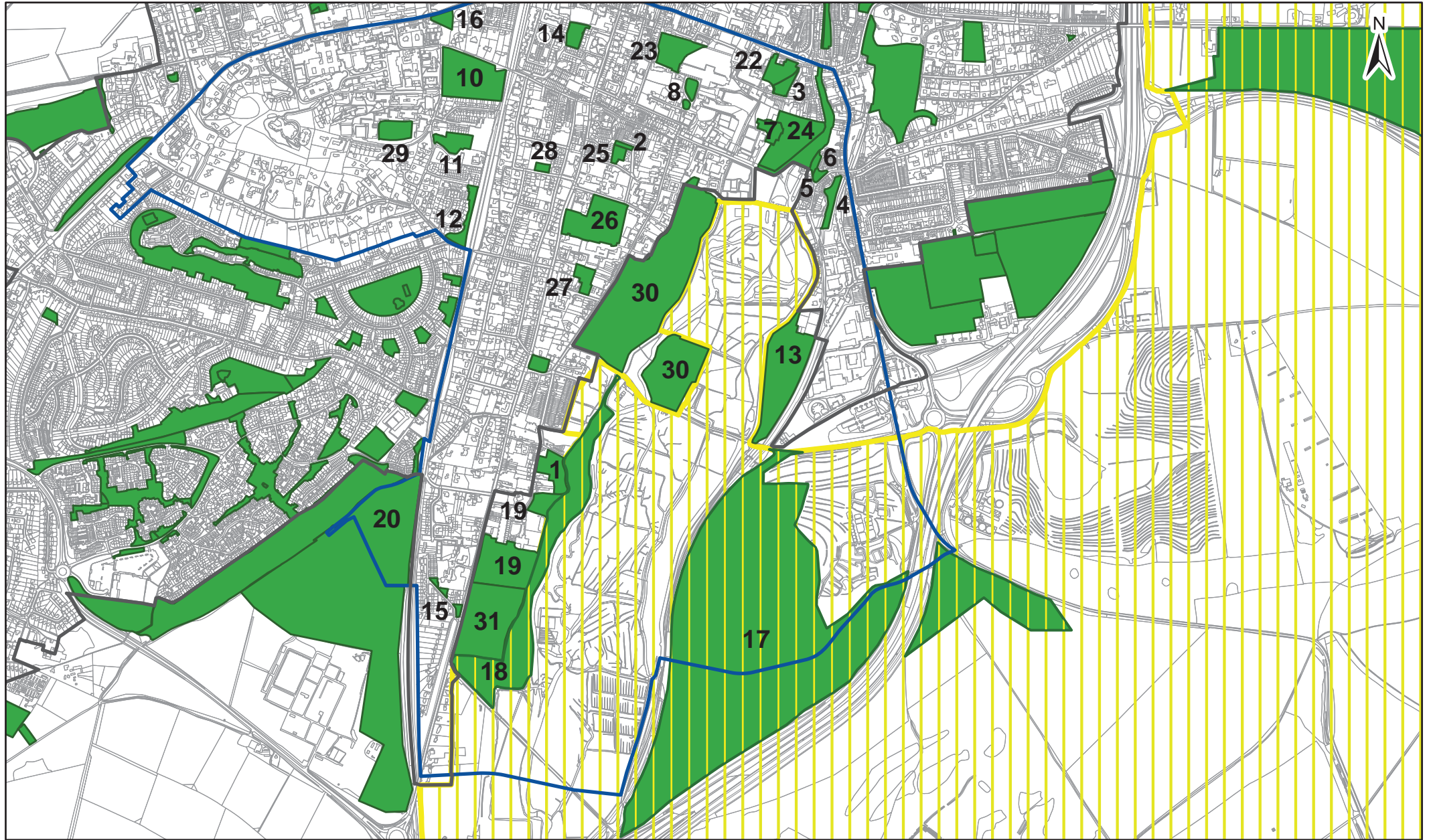
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Winchester - St Luke's Ward: population 5312									
Ref. No.	site	area (m <sup>2</sup> )	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection				
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage	
1	Stanmore allotment sites x 6	13,173	Allotments	/	/	/			
2	Thurmond Crescent allotments	5,332	Allotments	/	/	/			
3	Walpole Road	1,389	Play	/	/	/			
4	Somers Close	998	Play	/	/	/			
5	Thurmond Crescent	1,600	Play	/	/	/			
6	Cromwell Road	1,300	Play	/	/	/			
7	Monarch Way	199	Play	/	/	/			
8	The Valley	55,879	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
9	Romsey Road tree belt	7,902	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
10	Slopes between Badger Farm and Stanmore	36,748	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
11	Cromwell Road Recreation Ground	22,098	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
12	Somers Close Recreation Ground	23,988	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			
13	St Peter's School Playing Fields	12,887	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
14	Stanmore Primary School Playing Fields	11,376	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
15	Kings School Playing Fields	48,229	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>									
<b>CP7 category</b>		<b>CP7 Requirement</b>	<b>Existing provision</b>	<b>Adequacy</b>					
Allotments		1.06	1.85	0.79					
Equipped Children's Play		2.66	0.55	-2.11					
Informal Green Space		4.25	10.05	5.8					
Natural Green Space		5.31	0	-5.31					
Parks & Recreation Grounds		3.98	4.61	0.63					
Sports Grounds		3.98	7.25	3.27					
<b>Total</b>		<b>21.24</b>	<b>24.31</b>	<b>3.07</b>					
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>									
<p>St. Luke's Ward, examined in isolation, has shortfalls of open space when assessed against the standard in the Local Plan. There are deficits in Natural Green Space, Equipped Children's Play Space and publically accessible Sports Grounds. The shortfalls of open space are partly to be expected because this is a heavily built-up part of town with a lack of easy access to open countryside. This is compensated to some degree by the presence of two good Parks / Recreation Grounds at Somer's Close and Cromwell Road and extensive areas of Informal Green Space at the Valley and the slopes between Stanmore and Badger Farm. The Strategy seeks to retain, protect and improve these facilities which, as urban housing densities rise, become more valuable. There are opportunities as part of the Stanmore Planning Framework to provide new or improved open spaces and green infrastructure as part of the proposal to provide new housing.</p>									

# St Michael's



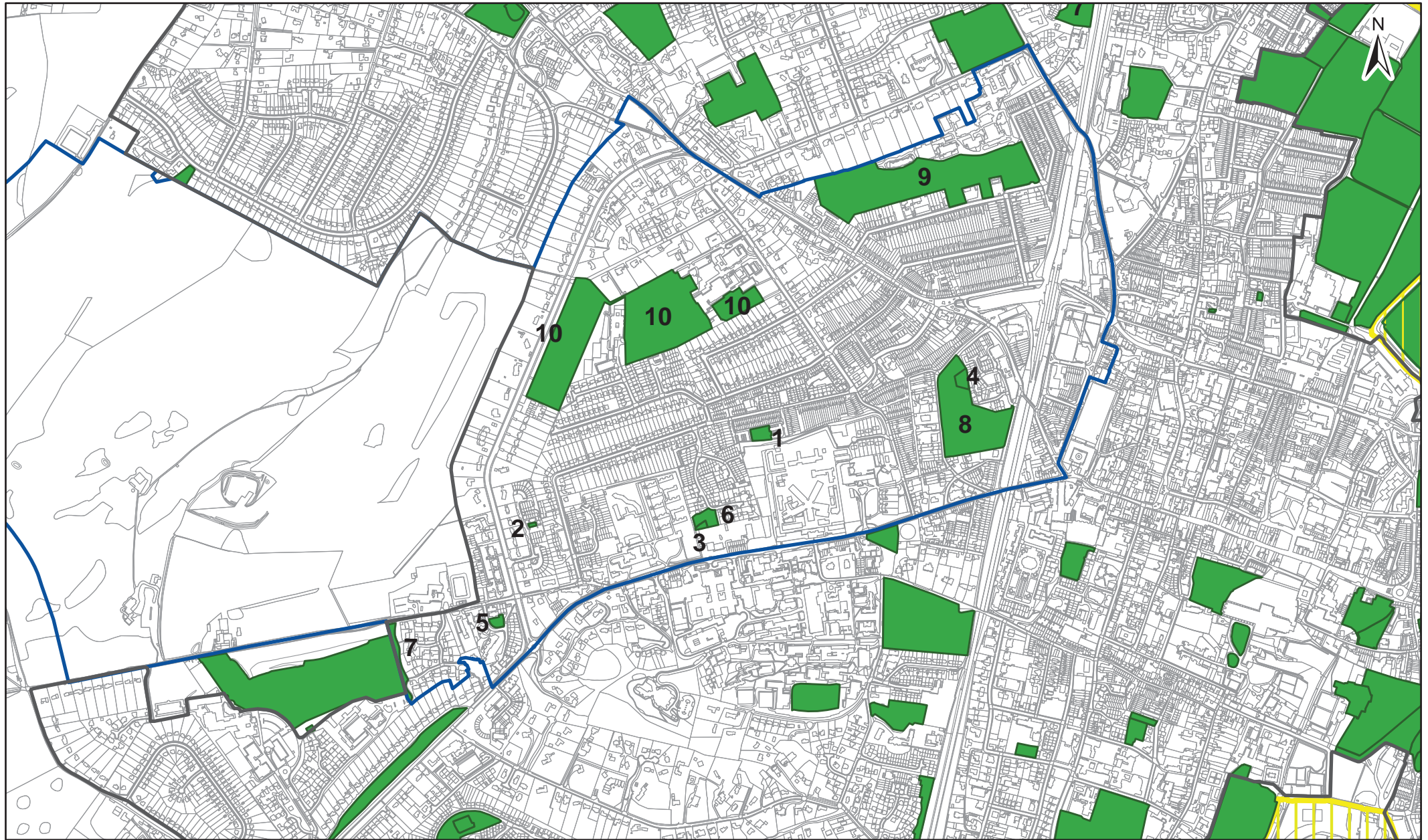
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
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Winchester - St Michael's Ward: population 6,606											
Ref. No	site	area (m²)	CP7 category	public access	reason for protection						
					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage			
1	St Cross Allotments	8,238	Allotments	/	/	/					
2	Culver Road Garden and play area	666	Play	/	/	/					
3	Abbey Gardens play area	2,828	Play	/	/	/					
4	Rack Hill	2,529	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
5	Wharf Hill open space	1,115	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
6	Wolvesey Terrace open space	1,110	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
7	Wolvesey Castle Ruins	3,914	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			/		
8	Cathedral Inner Close	2,042	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			/		
9	St Faith's Church Yard	2,515	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
10	West Hill Cemetery	26,851	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
11	Erskine Road open space	12,074	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
12	Airie Corner open space	4,340	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
13	Palmer Field (College)	40,736	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
14	Castle Green	3,971	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
15	Grange Road	1,588	Informal Green Space	/	/	/					
16	St James' Church burial ground	2,388	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			/		
17	St Catherine's Hill (SDNP)	534,972	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/				
18	St Faith's Meadow (SDNP)	21,313	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/				
19	St Cross Meadow	85,969	Natural Green Space	/	/	/	/				
20	Bushfield Camp	51,057	Natural Green Space	/	/	/					
21	The Wiers	12,631	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/					
22	Abbey Gardens	7,615	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/					
23	Cathedral Outer Close	10,002	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/			/		
24	Pilgrim's School playing field	16,845	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
25	Friary Bowls Club	1,259	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
26	Kingsgate Park	20,386	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
27	Winchester College Courts & Greens	3,747	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
28	Beaufort Road All Weather Pitch	1,048	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
29	University Playing Field	5,092	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
30	Winchester College Playing Fields	116,562	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
31	St Cross Symondians Cricket Club	36,534	Sports Ground	no	/	/					
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>											
<b>CP7 category</b>											
<b>CP7 Requirement</b>											
<b>Existing provision</b>											
<b>Adequacy</b>											
Allotments		1.32	0.82								-0.5
Equipped Children's Play		3.3	0.35								-2.95
Informal Green Space		5.28	10.52								5.24
Natural Green Space		6.61	69.33								62.72
Parks & Recreation Grounds		4.95	3.03								-1.92
Sports Grounds		4.95	20.15								15.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.41</b>	<b>104.2</b>								<b>77.79</b>
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>											
There are shortfalls of Equipped Children's Play Space, Allotments, Parks and Recreation Grounds and publically accessible Sports Grounds. However, due to the geographical position of the Ward beside the valley of the River Itchen and open countryside to the south-east of the town, these deficits are compensated to a considerable degree by particularly good access to Natural Green Space such as the Water Meadows and St Catherine's Hill within the National Park. There is therefore an overall surplus of open space in the Ward. The strategy is to retain and protect open spaces within the Ward as far as possible and to seek to negotiate more public access to Sports Grounds in the private sector.											


# St Paul's




 Ward Boundary

 Open Space Strategy Sites

 Open Space sites in the South Downs National Park

 South Downs National Park

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Winchester - St Paul's Ward: population 6887									
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					amenity	recreation	biodiversity	heritage	
1	Greenhill Road	1,295	Allotments	/	/	/			
2	Bath Place	137	Play	/	/	/			
3	Nursery Gardens	292	Play	/	/	/			
4	Oram's Arbour	1,014	Play	/	/	/		/	
5	Marnhull Rise	690	Play	/	/	/			
6	Nursery Gardens	1,635	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
7	Sarum Close	1,735	Informal Green Space	/	/	/			
8	Oram's Arbour	17,352	Park / Recreation Ground	/	/	/		/	
9	Peter Symond's College playing fields	29,041	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
10	Westgate / Western School playing fields	29,235	Sports Ground	no	/	/			
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>									
<b>CP7 category</b>		<b>CP7 Requirement</b>		<b>Existing provision</b>		<b>Adequacy</b>			
Allotments		1.38		0.13		-1.25			
Equipped Children's Play		3.44		0.21		-3.23			
Informal Green Space		5.51		0.34		-5.17			
Natural Green Space		6.89		0		-6.89			
Parks & Recreation Grounds		5.17		1.74		-3.43			
Sports Grounds		5.17		5.83		0.66			
<b>Total</b>		<b>27.56</b>		<b>8.25</b>		<b>-19.31</b>			
<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>									
<p>Despite containing Oram's Arbour, one of the City's best parks, there is a significant shortfall of publically accessible open space in St Paul's Ward and not particularly good access to open countryside due to the location of the privately owned Royal Winchester Golf Course. The sports grounds and playing fields in the area are not publically accessible. This is to be expected in a historic suburb and the opportunities to add to the quantum of open space are inevitably limited. The strategy therefore is to retain, protect and improve open spaces in the Ward.</p>									

<b>Winchester Town - overview: population 44,761</b>												
The publicly accessible open spaces within the built up area of Winchester (including Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery & Harestock) have been assessed to see whether they meet the minimum standards set out in the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 - Joint Core Strategy. Each of the six categories have been mapped on the Council's GIS System. This Strategy breaks down the town into its constituent Wards and 'parished' areas within the settlement boundary to ensure the assessment is consistent with the NPPF requirement that it should be carried out at a 'local' level. However, it is also necessary to look at the 'bigger picture' and to examine the adequacy of open space in the town as a whole.												
This overview indicates that there are shortfalls in 'Equipped Children's & Young People's Space' and 'Parks, Sports and Recreation Grounds'. However these deficits are compensated to some extent by the extent of 'Natural Green Space' available to the town. Winchester is fortunate to have significant 'natural' areas adjacent to its built up area, however this wealth of natural green space is only easily accessible to the population of the south, east and centre of town. There are significant areas of the town (mainly to the west and north-west) which are in excess of 700m way from natural green space and which have poor access to these facilities.												
While there is no overall shortfall of open space, there continue to be deficits in certain categories and some areas of the town have poor access to facilities. However, the major development area at Barton Farm will go some way to addressing these shortfalls by providing 23 hectares of public open space and recreational open space will be provided as part of the development at Bushfield Camp.												
<b>Adequacy (hectares)</b>												
<b>CP7 category</b>			<b>CP7 Requirement (ha)</b>		<b>Existing provision</b>		<b>Adequacy</b>					
Allotments			8.95		13.48		4.53					
Equipped Children's Play			22.38		4.06		-18.32					
Informal Green Space			35.81		39.2		3.39					
Natural Green Space			44.76		135.27		90.51					
Parks & Recreation Grounds			33.57		27.02		-6.55					
Sports Grounds			33.57		61.79		28.22					
<b>Total</b>			<b>179.04</b>		<b>280.82</b>		<b>101.78</b>					